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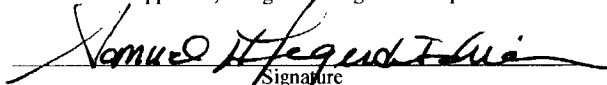
Applicant(s) : Sandra Patricia MERINO et al.
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For : **CENTRIFUGE WITH REMOVABLE CORE
FOR SCALABLE CENTRIFUGATION**
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111
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AMENDMENT

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Please amend Figures 2A, 2B, 3B, 6-13, 15-23 and 25 as indicated in the attached Replacement Sheets.